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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/EP 03/02517	International filing date (day/month/year) 11.03.2003	Priority date (day/month/year) 13.03.2002
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the opinion
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/EP 03/02517

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-76 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-13 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO0138322

Novelty

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claims 1-13, and shows the compounds of claim 1 principally containing aromatic rings connected to each other by a sulfonylamino or alkyl link. The subject-matter of claims 1-13 differs from these known compounds in that they contain a piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or a piperazinyl ring in the compound.

The subject-matter of claims 1-13 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

Inventive step

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses the compounds of claim 1 principally containing aromatic rings connected by a sulfonylamino or alkyl link as inhibitors of histone deacetylase from which the subject-matter of claims 1-13 differs in that they contain a piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or a piperazinyl ring, for the same use.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as the provision of further compounds as inhibitors of histone deacetylase.

The solution to this problem proposed in claims 1-13 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons: in D1 there is no incentive to use piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or piperazinyl in the compounds, this is also not obvious for the skilled man.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 01 38322 A (METHYLGENE INC) 31 May 2001 (2001-05-31) the whole document ----	1, 10
A	WO 98 55449 A (QUEENSLAND INST MED RES ;FAIRLIE DAVID (AU); PARSONS PETER G (AU);) 10 December 1998 (1998-12-10) the whole document ----	1, 10
A	PAN P-C ET AL: "Soluble Polymer-Supported Synthesis of Arylpiperazines" TETRAHEDRON LETTERS, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 39, no. 51, 17 December 1998 (1998-12-17), pages 9505-9508, XP004144238 ISSN: 0040-4039 compound 10 -----	1.

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

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WO 0138322	A	31-05-2001	AU 1876801 A CA 2391952 A1 EP 1233958 A1 WO 0138322 A1 US 6541661 B1	04-06-2001 31-05-2001 28-08-2002 31-05-2001 01-04-2003
WO 9855449	A	10-12-1998	AU 7751698 A WO 9855449 A1 EP 0988280 A1 JP 2002513419 T	21-12-1998 10-12-1998 29-03-2000 08-05-2002

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